



Vehicle Safety Inspection Program Bulletin

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From: Automotive Safety Enforcement Division

RE: **Military Vehicle Inspection**

It is the policy of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), that the Administration shall only register vehicles that meet Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards and Federal emissions for on-road use. Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) also requires that vehicles meet these standards and state vehicle code. Due to this policy, inspection stations should not be inspecting Former Military Vehicles for the purpose of obtaining MD registration.

Special purpose military vehicles are not placarded with a Vehicle Certification Label declaring compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards which identifies the vehicle with a 17-character Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) as they were not constructed as compliant vehicles due to their intended use and the exemptions which were granted for that use. A 17-character serial number alone does not meet this requirement. On-road operation and registration requires that a vehicle be constructed and maintained to be compliant with FMVSS equipment standards and Federal emissions standards.

ASED advises that Inspectors do not inspect former military vehicles which are not placarded with Vehicle Certification Label to identify that the vehicle was manufactured to meet FMVSS as the MVA will not register vehicles for on-road use in Maryland unless they were manufactured to meet FMVSS.

*If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact ASED at:
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